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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM CARTER TO MOBUTU

REF:

1. REQUEST YOU PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 20 AND FOR SENDING
YOUR PERSONAL EMISSARIES TO WASHINGTON. I REGRET THAT MY
SCHEDULE DID NOT PERMIT ME TO RECEIVE FOREIGN MINISTER
UMBA-DI-LUTETE AND PLANNING MINISTER MULUMBA LUKOJI.
HOWEVER, SECRETARY VANCE AND DR. BRZEZINSKI HAVE GIVEN ME
A FULL ACCOUNT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THE MOBUTU PLAN
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FOR RECOVERY AND REFORM IN ZAIRE, AS WELL AS ON ANGOLA
AND OTHER ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE
MOST USEFUL, AND I HAVE GAINED A MUCH CLEARER IMPRESSION
OF ZAIRE'S PROBLEMS AND ITS DETERMINATION TO OVERCOME THEM.

WE REMAIN COMMITTED IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPORT THE MULTI-
LATERAL EFFORT TO HELP MEET THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL

CRISIS FACING YOUR COUNTRY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXPLORING THE DETAILS FURTHER IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. AS YOU KNOW WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE MOBUTU PLAN WILL DEPEND ON IMPLEMENTING A STABILIZATION PROGRAM AND AN AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF. I WAS THEREFORE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO FORMALLY REQUESTED THE IMF'S HELP IN RECRUITING OUTSIDE SPECIALISTS TO EXERCISE AUTHORITY IN THE CENTRAL BANK AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, SO THAT YOU CAN ASSURE FOREIGN EXCHANGE REPATRIATION AND BUDGETARY CONTROL.

WE WELCOME THE ROLE THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PLAYED IN COORDINATING THE MULTILATERAL EFFORT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO COOPERATING FULLY WITH IT, OTHER COUNTRIES, AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN HELPING ZAIRE MEET ITS PROBLEMS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE

2. FOLLOWING IS FRENCH TRANSLATION OF TEXT:

QUOTE: MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT,

C'EST AVEC MES REMERCIEMENTS QUE J'ACCUSE RECEPTION DE VOTRE LETTRE DU 20 FEVRIER. JE VOUS REMERCIE EGALEMENT D'AVOIR ENVOYE VOS EMISSAIRES PERSONNELS A WASHINGTON. JE REGRETTE QUE MON EMPLOI DU TEMPS NE M'AIT PAS PERMIS DE RECEVOIR LE MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES
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ETRANGERES, MONSIEUR UMBA-DI-LUTETE, ET LE MINISTRE DU PLAN, MONSIEUR MULUMBA LUKOJI. CEPENDANT, LE SECRETAIRE VANCE ET LE DR. BRZEZINSKI M'ONT DONNE UN COMPTE RENDU COMPLET DE LEURS ENTRETIENS SUR LE PLAN MOBUTU DE RETABLISSEMENT ET DE REFORME AU ZAIRE, AINSI QUE SUR L'ANGOLA ET D'AUTRES QUESTIONS D'UN INTERET MUTUEL. CES ENTRETIENS ONT ETE DES PLUS UTILES ET J'AI PU AINSI ACQUERIR UNE NOTION BEAUCOUP PLUS CLAIRE DES PROBLEMES DU ZAIRE ET DE SA DETERMINATION A LES SURMONTER.

NOUS DEMEURONS ENGAGES EN PRINCIPE A APPUYER L'EFFORT MULTILATERAL DESTINE A AIDER A FAIRE FACE A LA CRISE ECONOMIQUE ET FINANCIERE DONT SOUFFRE VOTRE PAYS. NOUS COMPTONS BIEN EXPLORER PLUS ENCORE LES DETAILS A CE SUJET AU COURS DES SEMAINES A VENIR. COMME VOUS LE SAVEZ, NOUS SOMMES CONVAINCUS QUE LE SUCCES DU PLAN MOBUTU DEPENDRA DE LA MISE EN OEUVRE D'UN PROGRAMME DE STABILISATION ET D'UN ACCORD AVEC LE F.M.I. C'EST DONC AVEC PLAISIR QUE J'AI APPRIS QUE VOTRE GOUVERNEMENT A EGALEMENT DEMANDE OFFICIELLEMENT L'AIDE DU F.M.I. DANS LE RECRUTEMENT DE SPECIALISTES DE L'EXTERIEUR POUR EXERCER UNE AUTORITE AU

SEIN DE LA BANQUE CENTRALE ET DU MINISTERE DES FINANCES,
DE SORTE QUE VOUS PUISSIEZ ASSURER LA RENTREE DES DEVISES
ET UN CONTROLE BUDGETAIRE.

NOUS NOUS FELICITONS DU ROLE JOUE PAR LE GOUVERNEMENT
BELGE DANS LA COORDINATION DE L'EFFORT MULTILATERAL ET
C'EST TRES FAVORABLEMENT QUE NOUS ENVISAGEONS DE
COOPERER PLEINEMENT AVEC LUI, AVEC D'AUTRES PAYS ET
AVEC DES INSTITUTIONS INTERNATIONALES POUR AIDER;LE
ZAIRE A FAIRE FACE A SES PROBLEMES.

JE VOUS PRIE D'AGREER, MONSIEUR LE PRESIDENT, LES
ASSURANCES DE MA TRES HAUTE CONSIDERATION. JIMMY CARTER.
END QUOTE.

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